paragraph (c) of this section to the Executive Director to be exercised by such Director or by such other employee or employees of such Director as designated from time to time by the Director. The Director of the Division of Economic Analysis or the Executive Director may submit to the Commission for its consideration any matter which has been delegated in this paragraph. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the Commission, at its election, from exercising the authority delegated in this paragraph.

- (a) Pursuant to §17.00 (a) and (h), the authority to determine whether futures commission merchants, clearing members and foreign brokers can report the information required under Rule 17.00(a) and Rule 17.00(h) on series '01 forms or updated Commission supplied computer printouts upon a determination by the Director that such person technologically is unable to provide such information on compatible data processing media.
- (b) Pursuant to §17.02, the authority to instruct and/or to approve the time and Commission office at which the information required under Rules 17.00 and 17.01 must be submitted by futures commission merchants, clearing members and foreign brokers provided that such persons are unable to meet the requirements set forth in §17.01; and
- (c) Pursuant to §17.00(a), the authority to approve a format and coding structure other than that set forth in §17.00(g).

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## § 17.04 Reporting omnibus accounts to the carrying futures commission merchant or foreign broker.

(a) Any futures commission merchant, clearing member or foreign broker who establishes an omnibus account with another futures commission merchant or foreign broker shall report to that futures commission merchant or foreign broker the total open long positions and the total open short positions in each future of a commodity and, for commodity options transactions, the total open long put options, the total open short put options, the total open short put options, the total open short call options for each commodity options expiration

date and each strike price in such account at the close of trading each day. The information required by this section shall be reported in sufficient time to enable the futures commission merchant or foreign broker with whom the omnibus account is established to comply with part 17 of these regulations and reporting requirements established by the contract markets.

- (b) In determining open long and open short futures positions, and open purchased long and open granted short option positions, in an omnibus account for purposes of complying with §§ 17.00(f), 1.37(b) and 1.58 of this chapter, a futures commission merchant, clearing member or foreign broker shall total the open long positions of all traders and the open short positions of all traders in each future of a commodity and, for commodity options transactions, shall total the open long put options, the open short put options, the open long call options, and the open short call options of all traders for each commodity option expiration date and each strike price. The futures commission merchant, clearing member or foreign broker shall, if both open long and short positions in the same future are carried for the same trader. compute open long or open short futures positions as instructed below.
- (1) Include both the total open long and the total open short positions of the trader if:
- (i) The positions represent transactions on a contract market which requires long and short positions in the same future held in accounts for the same trader to be recorded and reported on a gross basis; or
- (ii) The account is an omnibus account of another futures commission merchant or foreign broker; or
- (2) Include only the net long or net short positions of the trader if the positions represent transactions on a contract market which does not require long and short positions in the same future held in accounts for the same trader to be recorded and reported on a gross basis.

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